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Wednesday, September 5, 2012 General Assembly Building Senate Room A 10:00 A.M.

NOTE: Public Comment will be Heard After each Topic

- I. <u>Call to Order / Approval of December 6, 2011, Minutes and 2011 Annual Report</u>

 Delegate Robert B. Bell, Chair
- II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE RENDERED BY FORMER MEMBERS
 Delegate Robert B. Bell, Chair
- III. <u>Introduction of New Commission Members</u>
 Delegate Robert B. Bell, Chair
- IV. COLLECTION OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE (SB 205)

Thomas Cleator, Senior Staff Attorney, Virginia State Crime Commission

The Crime Commission was requested to review the collection of forensic evidence in sexual assault cases where the alleged victim may not be able to give consent. Staff plans to conduct a review of surrounding states' laws on these issues, collect data and meet with various representatives from around the state to determine what changes should be made to the current procedures.

- V. <u>ILLEGAL CIGARETTE TRAFFICKING (SI 21)</u>
 - G. Stewart Petoe, Director of Legal Affairs, Virginia State Crime Commission

The Crime Commission was directed by the General Assembly to study why illegal cigarette trafficking occurs, financial impacts, prevalence and availability, methods used to counterfeit cigarettes and tax stamps, uses of technology to prevent, health implications of non-regulated cigarettes, and statutory options. Staff will review recent legislation, Virginia's statutes and collect data to analyze the scope of the problem. Staff will also meet with various representatives, including federal, state and local government entities, law enforcement, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and other various organizations and agencies.

- VI. <u>ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR</u>
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m., Senate Room A, GAB. Please check our website for any changes http://vscc.virginia.gov